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Will Organize Next Thursday

Board of Trade Is Rescued from Dormant State.

The lunch and smoker given by our business men as a Board of Trade last Wednesday evening at the Russell House, proved to be far more reaching in the effort to get our business men together than was anticipated. A representative gathering of nearly one hundred of our leading citizens answered the call, and every man present evinced a keen interest in the developing of our community.

Following an appetizing supper made pleasing by the delightful music of Metropole Orchestra, cigars were lit and an informal talkfest was held presided over by Chairman W. C. Spring.

Secretary R. A. Brintall gave a brief history of the East Jordan Board of Trade citing its successes and failures, and giving a brief financial statement showing a balance in the treasury.

Following this addresses were given by Atty D. L. Wilson, Hon. H. I. McMillan, R. O. Bisbee, C. S. Abbott of Detroit, W. P. Porter, W. L. Peck, Mayor Cross and, for the farmers—J. E. Chew.

The consensus of opinion seemed favorable to a reorganization of the Board of Trade, and it was agreed that a meeting to organize should be held at the Armory next Thursday evening, March 16th, commencing at 8:30. This will be a business meeting in its true sense, and everyone is urged to be present at this time to help in perfecting the organization and mapping out a campaign.

It was also suggested that the Retail Merchants Ass'n also be reorganized and a meeting will be held for this purpose probably next Monday evening.

There is no question but what result getting work can be accomplished by the re-organizing of our Board of Trade and the interest manifested at the meeting of Wednesday night, is evident that many things will be done toward the developing of our resources in the coming year.

"OBSERVER" URGES MORE FRIENDLINESS

By (Observer)

When kind words and pleasant smiles do so much good, yet cost nothing, why don't we turn more of them loose? Why will we harbor a pent-up, grouchy feeling when we, ourselves, can feel a buoyant spirit kicking our insides to get out, and when we know we would feel better if we let it out—at least to graze around nearby?

Someone has said: "There's so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us that it little behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us."

That fellow was right. No one is wholly bad. No one is hopelessly grouchy—or even melancholy. The trouble with us is we're so wrapped up in ourselves, in our own thoughts, that we fail to consider anyone else. The average person is not only friendly, but is really sympathetic when he realizes his friendship or sympathy is needed. Let death visit a home, and the survivors discover warm hearts in souls they had always thought frigid. Let fire wipe out a family's dwelling and it is at once the recipient of favors it had never believed possible.

But why do we wait for misfortune to overtake our acquaintances before we consider them? Ofttimes there are sorrowful and oppressed hearts in our midst of which we do not know. Kind words and smiles, if given freely, if given always, will often strike in one of these places, and the comfort it gives is much. And too, the smiling face and cheery disposition are their own reward. Show me the man or woman who smiles always and speaks kindly and I will show you a person whose friends are numbered by the acquaintances he or she may have. The habit is worth striving for.

Old Nursery Rhymes Revamped

Little Boy Blue
Cut out the horn,
You've blown it steadily
Since Christmas morn.

Before raising the dust with a touring car it is necessary to raise the "dust" for one.

It's always safe to name a baby boy William. If he becomes a good boy people may call him Willie, and if he doesn't they can call him Bill.

MICHIGAN CROP REPORT

Lansing, Mich., March 7th, 1916. WHEAT—In answer to the question, "Has wheat during February suffered from any cause?" 240 correspondents in the State answer "Yes," and 218 "No," in the southern counties 172 answer "Yes" and 56 "No," in the central counties 35 answer "Yes" and 75 "No," in the northern counties 32 answer "Yes" and 62 "No," and in the Upper Peninsula 1 answers "Yes" and 25 "No."

Snow protected wheat in the State 16 days, in the southern counties 10, in the central and northern counties 21, and in the Upper Peninsula 29 days.

The average depth of snow on Feb. 15th in the State was 4.64 inches, in the southern counties 1.97, in the central counties 4.66, in the northern counties 5.12 and in the Upper Peninsula 21.65 inches. On the 28th of February the average depth of snow in the State was 3.92, in the southern counties 0.83, in the central counties 3.58, in the northern counties 5.12 and in the Upper Peninsula 22.23 inches.

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in February at 65 flouring mills is 132,086, and at 82 elevators and to grain dealers 191,007, or a total of 323,093 bushels.

Of this amount 241,973 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 69,726 in the central counties and 11,394 in the northern counties and Upper Peninsula.

The estimated total number on bushels of wheat marketed in the seven months, August-February is 6,500,000.

Forty mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat purchased in Feb. The average condition of live stock in the State is reported as follows, comparison being made with stock in good, healthy and thrifty condition: Horses 96, cattle 95, sheep 97 and swine 94.

Coleman C. Vaughan,
Sec'y of State.

EAST JORDAN AGRICULTURAL CLUB

About twenty students of the East Jordan High School have just completed the organization of a society to be known as the East Jordan Agricultural Club. Their purpose is primarily to hold weekly meetings, at which programs will be given along agricultural lines. However, they intend to go further. Plans are already under way, to organize and carry out a township field meet, and the club is also planning to organize and foster Corn-Growing and Garden Clubs among the grade pupils of the neighboring rural schools, as well as here in East Jordan.

BAD ROADS KILLED HER

A few years ago a beautiful woman in the prime of life lay suffering upon a sick bed in a rural community.

It was imperative that she have a physician at once.

The hired man was dispatched for one in haste.

He made the best time possible, but the roads were muddy, and bad, and cut up, and traveling at best was very slow.

He lost much time in going and the physician was equally delayed in his progress.

After many hours he finally reached the side of the sufferer.

But death had beaten him—for death had no bad roads to cover.

Had the physician reached her a little sooner her life could have been saved.

But he did his best and bad roads did the rest.

Bad roads killed this woman.

And bad roads are killing others every day in like manner.

Now isn't this a compelling argument in favor of better country roads?

Or is the life of human being of less value than the cost of a few dollars spent in road improvement?

A member of your own family may furnish the subject for the next story.

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

Monday, March 6.—"March hare" got mad for the first time, 241 A. D.

Tuesday, March 7.—First scissorsgrinder appears in America, 1498.

Wednesday, March 8.—Ash Wednesday—day for annual cleaning of furnaces

Thursday, March 9.—Water discovered to be wet, 0001, B. C.

Friday, March 10.—Eve burns her fingers with fire, 0002, B. C.

Saturday, March 11.—Adam eats his first club sandwich, 0003 B. C.

Sunday, March 12.—"Go to Church Day" patented 1914.

Our Firemen To Dance

Annual Ball at Armory Next Friday Evening.

The members of the East Jordan Fire Department are making arrangements for their annual ball to be given at the Armory next Friday night—St. Patrick's Day.

Members of the various committees are at work on the arrangements and there is no question but what a fine time will be afforded all who attend. The evenings bill will be one dollar and will include a luncheon.

East Jordan Hose Co. No. 1, is one of the best drilled and equipped volunteer fire departments in the state. And when it is considered that the members only receive pay for the hours that they are actually fighting fire—that the hours devoted to practice is remunerative—then the local organization should receive the hearty support of every citizen when they put on any entertainment of public nature.

School Commissioner's Notes

Monday, March 6th, is the beginning of "Tuberculosis Week" for the schools of Michigan. Every teacher who did not receive one of the state outlines for the instruction of her pupils this week may get one by applying at this office. Every physiology class should be taught these five lessons even if the instruction is delayed.

The commissioner put in a very profitable and enjoyable week in Detroit. The N. E. A. was splendid, but the victory of practice over theory was later so completely demonstrated that it was worth all the rest of the meeting put together. It was a pleasure to spend three hours in the W. S. Perry School in Ann Arbor. Words cannot do justice to the complete mastery of teachers over their pupils, and of pupils over their lessons. By thought and by thought applied, which is system, every teacher can solve every problem that confronts her. Every evil which the human mind can analyze it can also conquer. This school completely demonstrated the mastery of the human mind.

Claiborn County, Tennessee, has 102 rural schools. The first year the standard school idea was introduced, 52 schools worked for and received their "Standard School" plates. The next year all the rest received them, and a number received "Superior School" plates. Think of it. Why, we've just got to get there!

The commissioner was invited to a party last week, a real live surprise party. The ladies of the Deer Lake Grange Aid planned it. The parents and school board of the community surprised the school and teacher, Miss Johnson. They brought with them a sack of candy for each boy and girl, a flour sack full of popcorn, and scores of apples. There were songs and speeches, and speeches and songs.

Then at the close, Mr. Terry Barber revised the grange yell for school purposes and we all yelled: "Good, better, best! Never let her rest, 'Till our school is 'Standard,' Better than the rest!

1916 Digests and School Laws sent out this week.

The Rag Doll Junior Seed Corn Tester explained in leaflets and sent to all schools that are desirous of the same. So little corn on hand this year and so much may be wasted in planting. So much poor seed can be discovered in the testing.

Teachers whose certificates are not on file in this office are not qualified in this county and cannot legally draw public money. Teachers whose institute fee is not paid should know that their certificates are not on file.

The spring promotion tests for Charlevoix County will be in the hands of teachers for April 27-28. They will be based on the course of study and boys and girls will do well to work hard to make a good record for themselves and for their school.

No man is so strong or so great that he is not afraid of somebody, and in nine cases out of ten that somebody is a woman.

Never do anything disagreeable today that you can just as well put off until tomorrow. By that time you may have occasion to do it.

Even if you have nothing to give the poor but a crust of bread, make it palatable by softening it with a little of the milk of human kindness.

"BATTLE CRY OF PEACE" TO BE SHOWN HERE

Auspices Company I—Temple Theatre—March 29-30.

One of the biggest film productions ever shown in the United States, has been engaged by Company "I," and will be exhibited at the Temple Theatre the evenings of March 29-30. "The Battle Cry of Peace" has heretofore been shown only in the larger cities of the country, and Company "I" have gone to considerable expense to bring this to the people of East Jordan and vicinity.

Below is given a brief synopsis of the story.

SYNOPSIS

Hudson Maxim, international authority on arms and ammunition, delivers a lecture graphically describing America's defenseless condition. John Harrison, inspired by Maxim's disclosures and realizing the awful consequences to which our national unpreparedness may lead, resolves to consecrate his every effort to the cause of adequate defense. He is engaged to Virginia Vandergriff, whose father is an advocate of national disarmament and "Peace at any Price." John makes a



fruitless effort to show Vandergriff the fallacy of his stand. Vandergriff's friend, Eamon, ostensibly a peace propagandist, but in reality a foreign spy, is the head of a band of conspirators plotting the invasion of America. The invaders approach New York. The news reaches a huge peace meeting at which Vandergriff is a speaker. In the midst of this meeting a shell crashes through the walls of the building. The battleships of the enemy, out of range of the guns of Forts Hamilton, Hancock and Wadsworth, are able to bombard New York.

Shells are devastating the buildings in the downtown district. Homes are desecrated; citizens slain without mercy. Terror reigns.

John's mother and sister are killed. Vandergriff is shot in the street. John is bayoneted in defense of the girl he loves. As a climax to the horror, Virginia's mother, to avoid disgrace at the hands of the enemy, kills her two daughters and herself.

An allegorical masterpiece is shown contrasting Columbia, crushed, bleeding and trampled upon by a merciless foe with Columbia as she should be—proud, commanding, supreme.

"Yes, there shall be peace—but peace with plenty—peace with honor."

ELBERT BEDE SAYS

Appointments and disappointments go hand in hand.

A number of people in a large Oregon city have died from eating meat. We, too, have been laid out by the butcher's bill.

It must have seemed peculiar to Wilson at the wedding to have to feel for the time being that he was not the first person in the land.

It is claimed that every part of a dog's carcass is valuable. The dog may not be the only being that gets better results as a fertilizer.

It is stated on good authority that twice as many crimes are committed by unmarried men as by married ones. Of course, when a man marries he has done his worst.

A preacher says the women are taking up the vices the men are discarding. They ought to get into heaven with little trouble if they adopt none but those discarded by the men.

A New York doctor says that bald headed men never go crazy. They indicate good sense and sound mind by the very fact of having no hair for a handhold in a family altercation.

"The man who labors with his hands must be recognized as well as the man who labors with his brain," says a country editor. Possibly so, but isn't the editor to get any recognition whatever.

If some of the energy and money that has been expended in getting to the north and south poles had been expended in getting people to the polls on election day, we probably would have profited more.

Commission Proceedings.

Special meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms Wednesday evening, March 1, 1916. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross, Gidley and Lancaster. Absent none.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion by Lancaster, were corrected to read as follows: "Ordinance No. 41 entitled 'An ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the government of the East Jordan water works, fixing water rates, and providing penalties for violations of its provisions' was formally introduced, and on motion by Gidley, was laid on the table until a special meeting to be held March 1, 1916.

Moved by Gidley, supported by Lancaster, that Ordinance No. 41 be passed and published. Carried.

On motion by Lancaster, meeting was adjourned.

Regular meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms Monday evening, March 6, 1916. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross, Gidley and Lancaster. Absent—none.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Lancaster, the following bills were allowed:

Mich. State Tel. Co., rentals \$ 6.25
John Lucia, shoveling snow 1.00
Elec. Light Co., bal. on pumping and light 27.45
Geo. G. Glenn, surety bond 5.00
Enterprise Pub. Co., printing 10.10
Giles & Hawkins, lunches for firemen 1.50
E. J. Hose Co., school-house fire, 12.00
Dwight H. Fitch, salary and rental 24.16
Robert A. Risk, salary as health officer 25.00

On motion by Lancaster, meeting was adjourned.

OTIS J. SMITH,
City Clerk.

THE ROAD TO HELL

An old document issued by the school board of Lancaster, Ohio, in 1828, and brought to light by being recently published in "Railway Engineering," brings a broad smile to our faces as we read it, but how many of us will make application to our own time? Here it is: "You are welcome to use the schoolhouse to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelities. There is nothing in the word of God about them. If God has designed that his intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour, by steam, he would have clearly foretold through his holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immoral souls down to hell."

Patents an Engagement Ring.

How to place an engagement ring on the finger of a woman who had unusually large knuckles was the problem which, until recently, bothered a California ranchman and occupied many thought-laden days and restless nights. The fingers were of normal size except just at the joints, and hence a ring that would go on was too large when in position.

The subject was studied from every conceivable angle, and the fingers measured and remeasured and pressed for hours, with the view of reducing the obstruction, but with little effect.

At last, just as matters were assuming a desperate state the California man invented a ring that could be taken apart and adjusted to the finger and then fastened together with two minute pins. A miniature lock and key can be used instead of the pins, in case there should ever be danger of the ring being tampered with. A patent for the device has been issued by the United States patent office, and Cupid is now entitled to be ranked among the inventors.

Bits of Information

The United States navy will establish a wireless station on Cape Cod especially equipped to guide vessels along the Atlantic coast in time of fog.

France before the war had 37 industrial concerns.

The price of coal is said to have reached \$30 a ton at Rome, and steps have been taken to bring it from Japan, where the cost is just one-tenth as great.

A great system of windmills is being experimented with in Kansas, to pump the underground water to the surface for the purpose of irrigation.

Marriage often means dollars for a woman and doughnuts for the poor man.

ALONG THE FIRING LINE

Chancellor Day of Syracuse University suggests if our coast cities were successfully attacked it would be practicable for the whole population of the United States to take to the woods "Where are those woods," Democrats are asking.

Is the American eagle getting too proud to scream?—New York Sun. Whether it has been made to look more like a dove or a parrot would be an interesting subject of debate. Philadelphia Public Ledger. The universal opinion seems to be that it has joined the ranks of the Dodo.

Mr. Bryan, while denouncing Wilson for having gone "joy riding with the jingoes," insists that he has no personal differences with his former chief. We believe that sacred history tells of one who approached his victim asking, "Art thou in health, my brother?"

A sure-fire method of breaking into the head-lines these days is for some multi-millionaire to give a dinner and invite a politician or two.

"The Congress," remarks the Indiana "Times," "waits for action by a President backed by the people." This Congress will never get it. But the next Congress will be Republican, the next President will be Republican—and the people will back both.

President Wilson's decision to run again created just about as much interest and enthusiasm as Vice President Marshall's similar announcement.

A Washington dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" exults that the report on Mexico which has been sent to the Senate "is by no means as full of dynamite for this administration as the Republicans had hoped." The dynamite, let us say, exists. It may be kept in cold storage in the files of the State Department for a time. But it is bound to explode one of these days. Concealment of facts never yet helped an administration.

The recent disgraceful scenes in the (Democratic) legislature of Oklahoma are the logical result of President Wilson's pardon of two (Democratic) politicians who were convicted for enforcing the "grandfather clause" which the Supreme Court has declared invalid. When a man who is sworn, as the President is, to maintain the Constitution, will pardon, for partisan reasons, men who have violated the Constitution, he passes the word to all the thugs to get busy.

We have not always agreed with the utterances of George W. Perkins in matters political, but he surely strikes a responsive chord in our nature when he describes himself as believing in Republicanism "of the Abraham Lincoln, Thomas B. Reed, James G. Blaine, William McKinley" brand. Reflecting upon the present manner of conducting our foreign relations, we are inclined to place our emphasis upon the "James G. Blaine" portion of Mr. Perkins' words.

Wise and Otherwise

Children make sweet music in a home until they get big enough to take piano lessons.

Perhaps the boy who plays marbles for keeps may be giving away libraries in after years.

It is said that a cat has nine lives—but that is nothing to the number of lives of a great man—sold by subscription only.

A Chicagoan says if we would take an hour's nap each noon we would add that much to our lives. What good would that do us if we are going to sleep it all away to start with?

And Along Came Ruth

"What in the world are you trying to do, auntie?" asked Ruth, seeing her aunt trying to stuff a rag into a small crack where the window was broken. "Well, I'm trying to fix this crack, can't you see?" answered the woman plainly provoked.

"If I were you," answered Ruth, "I would merely dampen a piece of adhesive plaster and paste it along the crack. That will keep out every bit of wind, and will strengthen the glass, too."

"Fine," exclaimed her aunt. "That's just what I'll do." And she did.

The war in Europe has reached everywhere but Armageddon.

The mind of a man who goes wrong is always a blank while he is gone.

Wise is he who selects an obedient daughter of a good mother for his wife.

A small boy's idea of happiness is to be able to lick another boy a size larger.